

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 February 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs F.M. Sparrow (In the Chair), Mrs J. Birkett, Mrs E Footit, B. Hewitt, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, K. McCarten, R. Moody, Mrs V. Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson, P.Truelove and Mrs D. Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs L. Waterhouse, P. Simpson, The Police

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, J Renouf and 1 member of the public

116 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 11th January 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside were approved as a correct record.

117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ There were no declarations of interest or requests for a Dispensation.

118 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 116

None

119 POLICE REPORT

A Police crime report tabled by Sgt Nolan was outlined for Members information. There had been 60 calls for service in the Parish of which only 23 have been crime related during the period 11 Jan to 31 Jan 2017. Criminal damage to vehicles accounts for the highest number of crimes with 10 offences. 9 of which occurred at the Ambleside end of Under Loughrigg Rd over two weekends. At least one vehicle had "no parking" scratched into the paintwork. Due to the high number of incidents the police have made this a community priority. Patrols have paid particular attention to the area at the identified times. Police have also worked with SLDC to get the kerbs swept so the double yellow lines are clearly visible as the offences may be linked to parking issues. A letter drop was carried out by PCSO Jackson asking for witnesses. There were no further offences over last weekend.

On 17/01/2017 a couple of youths were responsible for passing fake Scottish £20 notes across the county. Two of these offences were in Lakes Parish area. Other crimes included one burglary of an unoccupied house in Ambleside, which is currently under investigation, Three cases of shoplifting leading to two arrests. One theft of plant/machinery One case of theft of cash, One theft of pedal cycle, which has now been recovered. Two minor assaults and one offence of harassment leading to an arrest.

There have been three reports of anti-social behaviour involving abuse of a traffic warden, an aggressive magazine seller and noise nuisance at Badgers Court in Grasmere.

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120 REPORTS

- a. Cllrs Johnson and Mrs Sowerbutts had attended the Public Inquiry at the Parish Centre re the Radio House, Church Street, Ambleside. It had been a well run inquiry with the outcome to be determined at a later date.
- b. Cllr Johnson reported on the CALC Executive meeting on 15th January.
- c. Cllr Johnson had attended the Armit display of treasures.
- d. Cllr Johnson reported on the Lake Admin Committee meeting held on 20th January that had been mostly about the budget and getting money owed. A Task and Finish group will report in June. He said the new Solicitor to SLDC is very capable. The plans for the boathouse at Longtail Cottage were approved.
- e. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the Migrant Workers Group who had met on 17th January. The group is carrying on but there is less demand for English lessons at the moment. The group will wait and see what demand there is as the year progresses.
- f. There were no other reports

121 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 30th January 2017 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £10921.34. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. Additional cheques and the Bank Reconciliation were also circulated for members to view. The Clerk answered Members queries on the additional orders for payment. These were AGREED.
- b. Members also considered the recommendations for Council approval contained with the Minutes of the Finance Committee including agreement to the bouncy slide at White Platts during the forthcoming season. These were AGREED.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting for the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on issues relating to food at White Platts, the Greenbank/Castlefield Residents Association and the Armit. There were no other representations. The Meeting was RECONVENED

122 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2016/5840 Shoe Craft House, Market Place, Ambleside
Change of use from Class A1 (Retail) to a betting office (sui generis use) and external alterations, including installation of the following;- a new shop front, new signage (subject to separate advertisement consent),

new air conditioning units, antennae and satellite dish – Refusal on the grounds that the design of the proposed frontage is inappropriate in a Conservation area.

2. 7/2016/5853 20, Loughrigg Park, Ambleside
Demolition of existing conservatory. New 2 storey extension to house – No Objections
3. 7/2016/5886 Romney Grange, Waterhead, Ambleside
To replace current hardwood Rosewood double glazed windows and doors over time with matching UPVC double glazed windows, French inwards and outward opening doors and sliding Patio Doors – No Objections
4. 7/2016/5891 Ambleside Salutation Hotel, Ambleside
Change of use from spa to Guest Rooms – No Objections
5. 7/2016/5897 Riverville, College Street, Grasmere
Demolish existing balcony and erect replacement balcony – No Objections
6. 7/2016/5902 The Samling, Ambleside Road, Windermere
Entrance works including erection of gatehouse, walls, piers and gates – No Objections
7. 7/2017/5007 Great Langdale Camping Site National Trust Great Langdale
To update 2 of existing standard Pods with family Pods – No Objections
8. 7/2017/5011/12 Queens Head Hotel Town Head Troutbeck
External improvements to the grounds – No Objections
9. 7/2017/5022 St Oswalds Church, Church Stile, Grasmere
Works to remove cement render to the Church tower, repair the masonry, repoint and rough cast the tower using a lime based mortar – No Objections

123 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – The Chairman reminded Members about the Older Persons Working Group meeting to be held in the Parish Centre on 8th March at 4pm. Cllr Hewitt said he will be attending.
 - B From the Clerk - The Clerk reported on Stockghyll Park/Woods and a meeting to be held with Healthmatic re CCTV at the public conveniences.
 - C From Members – Cllr Thompson asked that the agenda for meetings be published on lighter blue paper in future. Cllr Mrs Rees outlined information on 2 Grasmere LIPS (locally important projects), Broadmeadows Park and Grasmere Village Hall.

Cllr Truelove said the Budget for the works on the A591 near Dove Cottage was £415000.

D. From District Councillors – None

E. From County Councillor – Not present

124. GRASMERE POST BOX

Cllr Mrs Rees explained the background to the proposed removal of the post box in the centre of the village where the old post office used to be. This was awaiting a decision from the Post Office. She felt if this was removed then a replacement box should be sited in the general area as it was the only one in central Grasmere
RESOLVED To write to the Post Office and ask that the existing box be retained but if removal is required then a replacement post box be sited somewhere in the centre of the Village.

125. TREE WORKS

T/2017/0015 Wraysholme, Millans Park, Ambleside – T22 Copper Beech – 25% crown reduction, crown thin and deadwood because of growing over the house, excessive shading and growing through BT line. T9 Redwood – crown lift all round to give 2 metre clearance from roof. T3 Portuguese Laurel – reduce height by half. T1 Oak, SLDC tree located in Rothay Park bordering Wraysholme – crown lift 4 lowest branches and crown reduce branches overhanging Wraysholme garden by 3 metres to give more light. T2 Ash, SLDC tree located in Rothay Park bordering Wraysholme – fell due to poor form and it being dominated by neighbouring oak and conifer

T/2017/0016 – Flat 2 Oakland, Millans Park, Ambleside – Fell 1 mature beech

T/2017/0018 – Far Oakbank, Rydal Road, Ambleside – Fell 1 Cypress

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126. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS

To note an Appeal Hearing to be held at Murley Moss Kendal on 7th February at 10am – Mrs Jacqueline Langman – land to the rear of Old Bank House, Ambleside against enforcement notice alleging that without planning permission, material change of use of land to use for car parking.

Approvals

7/16/5547 – Heron Place Great Langdale – partial demolition, new extension

7/16/5576 – Greenburn Beck Little Langdale – hydro scheme

7/16/5586 – Churchill Inn, Ambleside – extend upper floor, conversion of bar

7/16/5597 – Grasmere Garden centre – single storey industrial unit

7/16/5620 – Grasmere Weavers, Stock Lane, Grasmere – various works with flood prevention

7/16/5636 – The Stables, Borrans Road, Ambleside – two storey extension

7/16/5645 – Carr Howes, Elterwater- erect replacement dwelling/garage/store

7/16/5655 – Wearings Bookshop Ambleside – separate 1 unit into 2 units

7/16/5665 – Spar Stores Ambleside – replace fascia with new sign

7/16/5670 – 3 Holbeck Close Windermere – extension to existing balcony

7/16/5671 – The Retreat, King Street, Ambleside – use of owner accommodation to guest house

7/16/5672 – Smallwood Hotel Ambleside – change of use from C1 to C3 residential

7/16/5680 – Rowan Cottage, Broadgate, Grasmere – minor alterations

7/16/5683 – Stone Bank, Chapel Stile – variation of conditions on 7/16/5387

7/16/5703 – Dunaluinn, Kirkstone Road, Ambleside – house alterations and upgrading

7/16/5709 – Low Grove House, Stockghyll Lane Ambleside – change of use of ancillary building to holiday let with associated alterations

7/16/5731 – Iveing Cottage, Old Lake Road, Ambleside – Variation of condition to change parking area to slate chippings etc

7/16/5736 – 7 Stockghyll Brow, Ambleside – retaining wall and car parking (retrospective)

7/16/5742 – Queens Head Hotel Troutbeck – alterations as amendment to 7/16/5775

7/16/5753 – Dunmail Raise Climbing Hut Grasmere – relocation and upgrade of telecommunications station

7/16/5762 – The Steading, Bridge Lane, Troutbeck – create an area to exercise horses

7/16/5777 – 2 Wansfell Holme Windermere – internal alterations

7/16/5789 – The Samling Hotel – construction of a bin store

Refusals

7/16/5634 – Former Radio House, Church Street, Ambleside – extension and alterations

The Chairman moved Part 2 on the grounds that the business to be discussed is confidential as it relates to a member of staff....AGREED

127. DUTIES OF PARISH HANDYMAN

Cllr Hewitt raised various issues relating to the duties of the Parish Handyman and the area he covers as part of his job.

RESOLVED To support the Handyman in the job that he does and thank him for his work keeping the Parish litter free. That the Clerk write to LDNPA and Lowther Estates asking them to reinstate litter bins and also to ask them for a contribution towards the costs of the Parish Handyman in cleaning up litter and dog mess in Lakes Parish car parks.

The Meeting closed at 7.48pm